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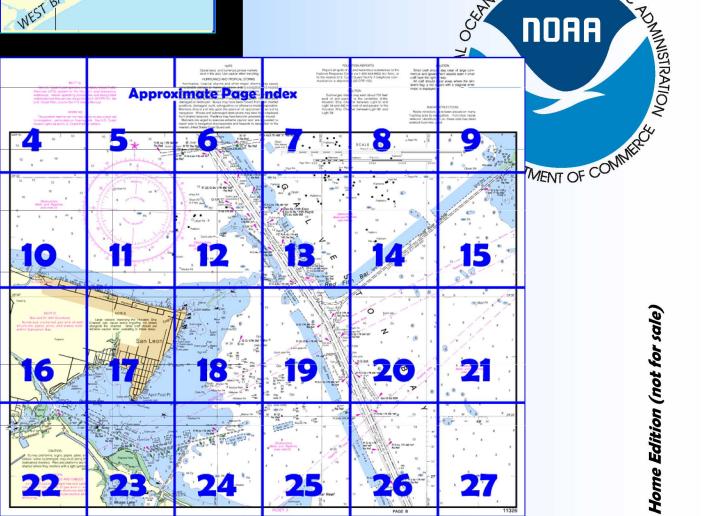
Galveston Bay

(NOAA Chart 11326)

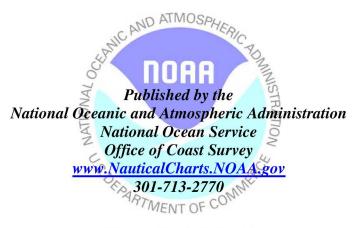


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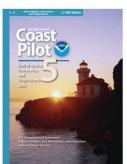
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 10 & 12 excerpts]

(244) **Texas City**, on the W side of Galveston Bay about 7 miles NW from Galveston, is a privately owned port of considerable commercial importance. It has extensive foreign and coastwise trade in petroleum, chemicals, fertilizer, and tin ore. Commodities handled through the port include shell, rice, wheat, flour, molasses, hides, synthetic rubber, naval stores, textiles,

lumber, wood pulp paper products, petroleum products, steel products, salt, aluminum, zinc, copper, and tin ores, machinery, coal tar products, sulfuric acid, industrial chemicals, scrap iron, and fertilizer. A 23-foot storm levee has been constructed around the city.

(276) **Trinity Bay** is a large body of water NE of the upper part of Galveston Bay. Depths in the bay proper range from 5 to 9 feet. Extensive oil-drilling operations are in progress in the Red Fish Bar,

Cedar Point, and Trinity Bay areas. Numerous oil well structures and derricks are visible to the E of the Houston Ship Channel. The derricks are moved as soon as wells are brought in or abandoned. Numerous pipes, piles, and abandoned oil wells which constitute a menace to navigation are in the N and W part of the bay between Trinity River and Umbrella Point.

(278) **Lake Anahuac** is separated from the N part of Trinity Bay by an earth dike which obstructs all navigation.

(284) **Trinity River** is one of the largest rivers in Texas and empties into the NE end of Trinity Bay. Entrance to the river is through Anahuac Channel and Browns Pass, and not through Trinity River Channel. (310) **Clear Creek** empties into the W side of Galveston Bay 20 miles NW of Galveston; 2 miles above its mouth the creek broadens into shallow **Clear Lake**, 2.5 miles long. A dredged channel leads from Galveston Bay through Clear Creek and across Clear Lake, thence a natural channel leads for another 3.3 miles through Clear Creek to the railroad bridge at **League City**.

(313) Seabrook, a town on the N side at the entrance to Clear Creek, is headquarters for fishing and pleasure craft. Kemah is a town on the S side of the entrance to Clear Creek. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and provisions can be obtained on the waterfront at both towns. (381) The waterway leaves the Bolivar cut and enters **Galveston Bay** at Mile 349.3W. The direct route bypasses Galveston and proceeds SW through the lower part of the bay. Houston Ship Channel is crossed at Mile 350.2W. The Coast Guard has requested vessels transiting the waterway make a **SECURITE** call on VHF-FM channel 13 prior to crossing Houston Ship Channel, particularly during periods of restricted visibility. Vessel Traffic Service Houston-Galveston recommends west bound tows avoid meeting east bound tows between Bolivar Peninsula Buoy 15 and Buoy 20 due to strong currents and shoaling at the entrance to Bolivar. The port of **Houston** is 43 miles to the NW. The channel to Texas City is crossed at Mile 350.8W; the port is 5 miles to the WNW. (384) An alternate route of the waterway at Mile 349.3W swings S in Bolivar Roads then SW in Galveston Channel. The port of Galveston at Mile 353.5W is on the S side of Galveston Channel. The Pelican Island railroad-highway bridge over Galveston Channel at Mile 356.0W has a bascule span with a clearance of 12 feet.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.



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Mercator Projection Scale 1:80,000

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER



Within Tabbs Bay and Goose Creek there are numerous OVERHEAD POWER CABLES.

All craft should avoid areas where the skin divers flag, a red square with a diagonal white stripe, is displayed.

CAUTION

Small craft should stay clear of large commercial and government vessels even if small craft have the right-of-way.

NOTE C

CHANNEL TO LIBERTY

The controlling depth was a centerline depth of 1 foot from Anahuac to South Liberty Oil Field, thence 6 feet for a width of 50 feet to the cut-off channel, thence 6 feet for a width of 50 feet to Mar. 1994 - Feb. 2009



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NOTE E

The controlling depth in the approach to the Highway Ferry slip at Port Bolivar was 9 feet for a width of 200 feet.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation

NOTE F

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Numerous submerged piles, pipes, stakes and obstructions are charted on the south side of Texas City Channel.

CAUTION

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MINERAL DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURES

Obstruction lights and sound (fog) signals are required for fixed mineral development structures shown on this chart, subject to approval by the District Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (33 CFR 67).

CAUTION

Survey platforms, signs, pipes, piles, and stakes, some submerged, may exist along the maintained channels. Piles and platforms are not charted where they interfere with a light symbol.

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The controlling depth was 3 ft for a mid-width of 50 ft from the junction with the Houston Ship Channel to a point approx. 29°41'54"N,

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Gas and Oil Well Structures Uncharted platforms, gas and oil well structures, pipes, piles and stakes can exist within the limits of this chart.

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WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

ARTICULATED AIDS

An articulated aid to navigation consists of a pipe structure that oscillates around a universal coupling connected to a sinker. The structure is kept upright by the buoyancy of a submerged flotation chamber. It is designed primarily to mark narrow channels in depths of up to 60 feet. All articulated aids are labelled "Art".

NOTE B

Large vessels traversing the Houston Ship Channel can cause swells engulfing the shoals alongside the channel. Small craft should use extreme caution when operating in these areas.

- CALITION -

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National

U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

NOTE I

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY Project Depths

12 feet Carrabelle, FL to Brownsville, TX. The controlling depths are published period-lly in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to

Distances

The Waterway is indicated by a magenta line. Mileage distances shown along the Waterway are in Statute Miles, based on zero at Hervey Lock, LA, and are indicated thus:

Tables for converting Statute Miles to International Nautical Miles are given in U.S. Coast Piles 5.

RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

Gas and Oil Well Structures

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The National Ocean Service acknowledges the exceptional cooperation received from members of the Houston Power Squadron, District 21, United States Power Squadrons, in continually providing essential information for revising this

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INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY AIDS

The U.S. Aids to Navigation System is designed for use with nautical charts and the exact meaning of an aid to navigation may not be clear unless the appropriate chart is

consulted.

Aids to navigation marking the Intracoastal Waterway exhibit unique yellow symbols to distinguish them from aids marking other waterways.

When foliowing the Intracoastal Waterway westward from Carrabelle, Florida to Brownsville, Texas, aids with yellow triangles should be kept on the satrobard side of the vessel and aids with yellow squares should be kept on the port side of the useral.

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A horizontal yellow band provides no lateral information, but simply identifies aids to navigation as marking the Intracoastal Waterway.

WARNING

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NOTE G

NOTE A

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Coast Pilot 5. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the
regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander,
8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA, or at the Office
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POLLUTION REPORTS

surroundings.

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone com-munication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

CAUTION

WARNINGS CONCERNING LARGE VESSELS

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The 'Rules of the Road' state that recreational boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. Large vessels may appear to move slowly due to their large size but actually transit at speeds in excess of 12 knots, requiring a great distance in which to maneuver or stop. A large vessel's superstructure may block the wind with the result that sallboats and sailboards may unexpectedly find themselves unable to maneuver. Bow and stern waves can be hazardous to small vessels. Large vessels may not be able to see small craft close to their bows.

COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. Demarcation lines are shown thus:

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

NOTE K
The U.S. Coast Guard has established an alternate route for vessels transiting between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Houston Ship Channel. The alternate route, shown in green tint, is marked with aids to navigation from Bolivar Peninsula Buoy 20 to Houston Ship Channel Light 28. This route is intended to be one-way for vessels proceeding northbound from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Houston Ship Channel. The Alternate Route is not regularly maintained and has no associated project depth. Mariners should regularly maintained and has no associated project depth. Matiners should proceed with caultion. Southbound traffic is requested to proceed south to Houston Ship Channel Buoy. 26, then east to Bolivar Point. Houston Traffic requests that all vessels proceeding northbound in the alternate route conduct a securite broadcast of their intentions prior to entering into the Houston Ship

AUTHORITIES

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HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

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Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, sunk, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered or moved. Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard unit.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1994 (WGS 84), Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.828° northward and 0.731° westward to agree with this

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FACILITIES

Locations of public marine facilities are shown by large magenta numbers with leaders and refer to the facility tabulation.

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NOTE X

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Guif coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

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	1-3	Lght air	Scale-like ripples without foam crests.	1	1 1
	4-6	Lght breeze	Small, short wavelets; crests have a glassy appearance and do not break.	2	1/2
	7-10	Gentle breeze	Large wavelets; some crests begin to break; foam of glassy appearance. Occasional white foam crests.	3	2
	11-16	Moderate breeze	Small waves, becoming longer; fairly frequent white foam crests.	4	4
	17-21	Fresh breeze	Moderate waves, taking a more pronounced long form; many white foam crests; there may be some spray.	ь	6
	22-27	Strong breeze	Large waves begin to form; white foam crests are more extensive everywhere; there may be some spray.	6	10
	28-33	Near gale	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind; spindrift begins.	7	14
	34-40	Gale	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of crests break into spindrift; foam is blown in well-marked streaks along the direction of the wind.	8	18

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RULES OF THE ROAD (ABRIDGED)

Motorless craft have the right-of-way in almost all cases. Sailing vessels and motorboats less than sixty-five feet in length shall not hamper, in a narrow channel, the sate passage of a vessel which can navigate only inside that

A motorboat being overtaken has the right-of-way.

Motorboats approaching head to head or nearly so should

pass port to port. When motorboats approach each other at right angles or obliquely, the boat on the right has the right-of-way in most

cases. Motorboats must keep to the right in narrow channels when

safe and practicable. Mariners are urged to become familiar with the complete text of the Rules of the Road in U.S. Coast Guard publication "Navigation Rules."

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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.) Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated)

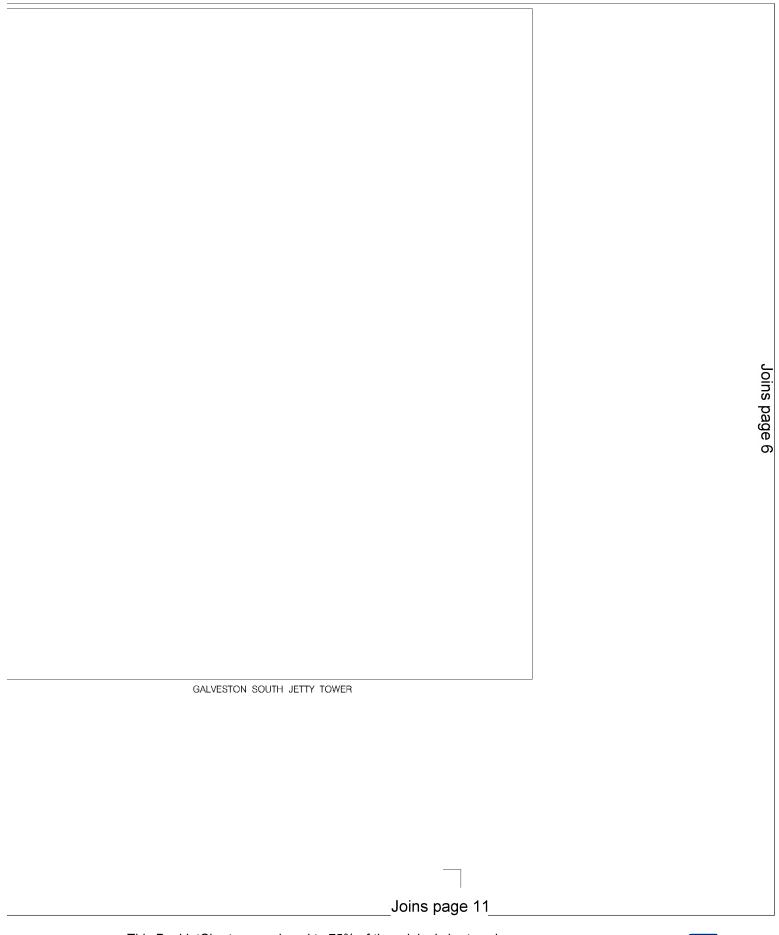
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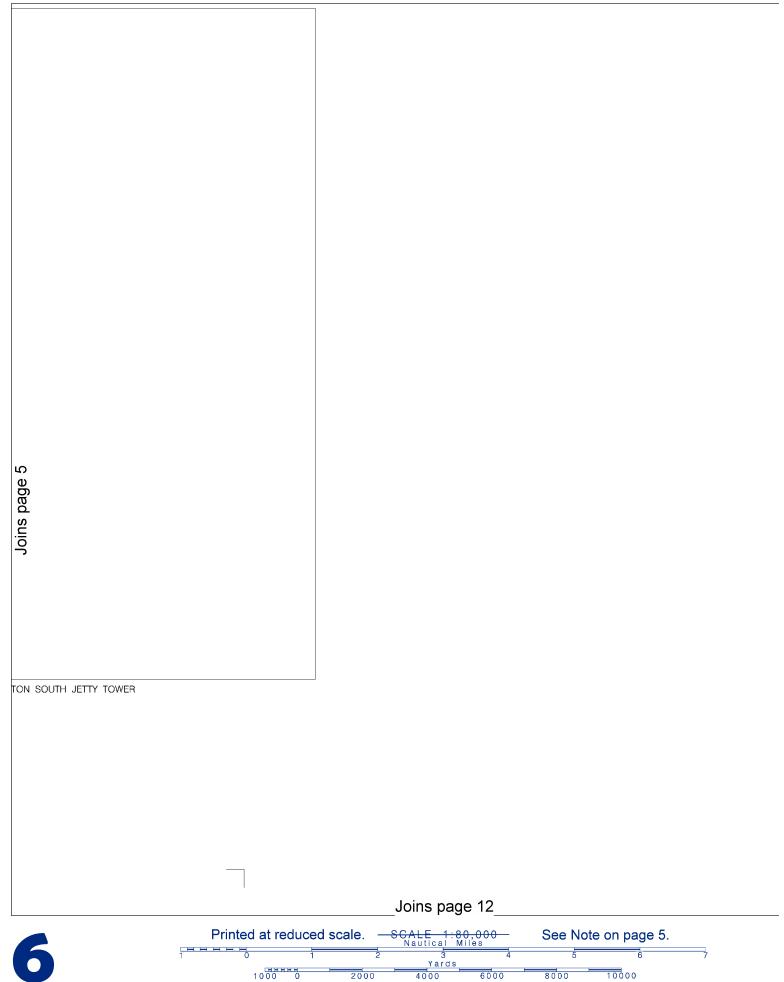
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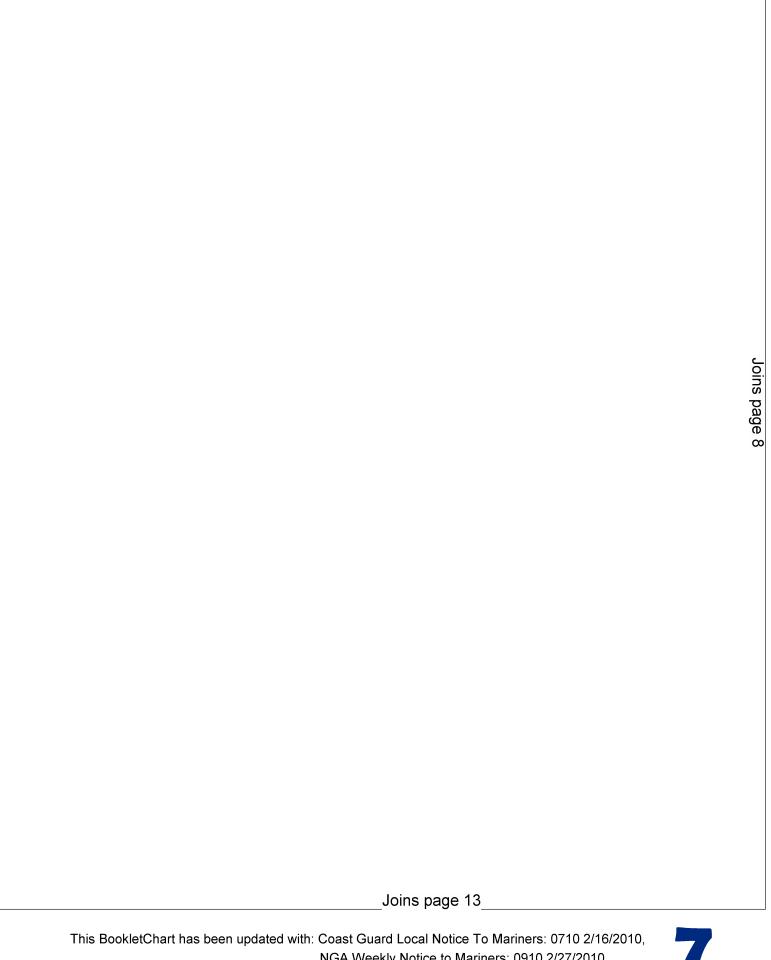
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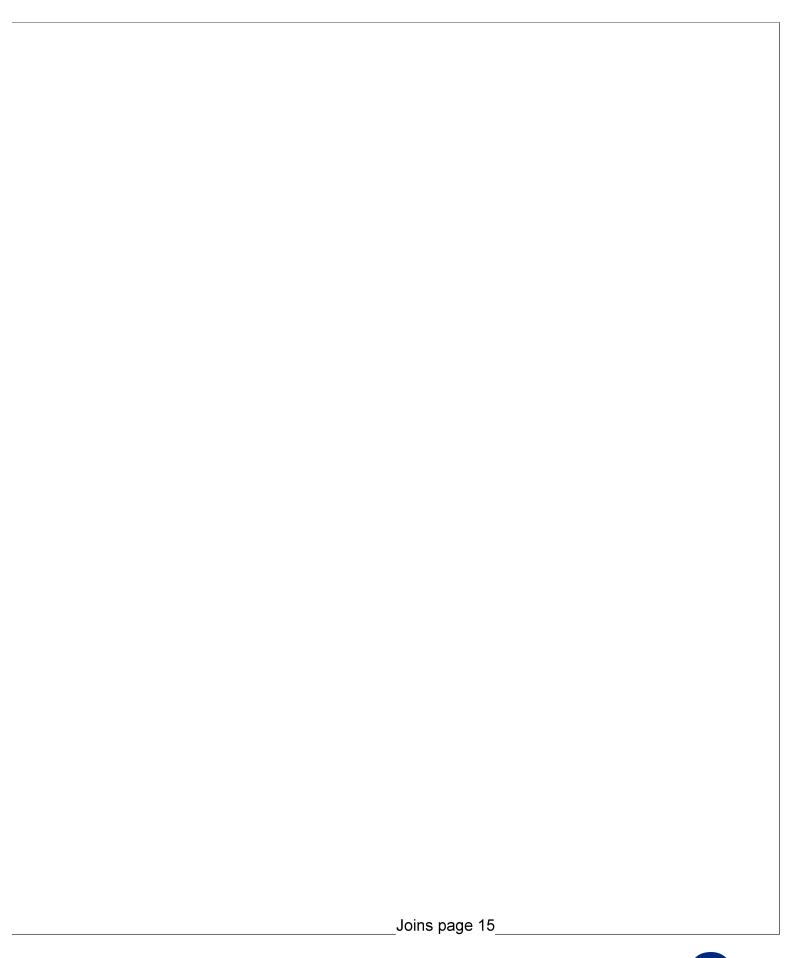








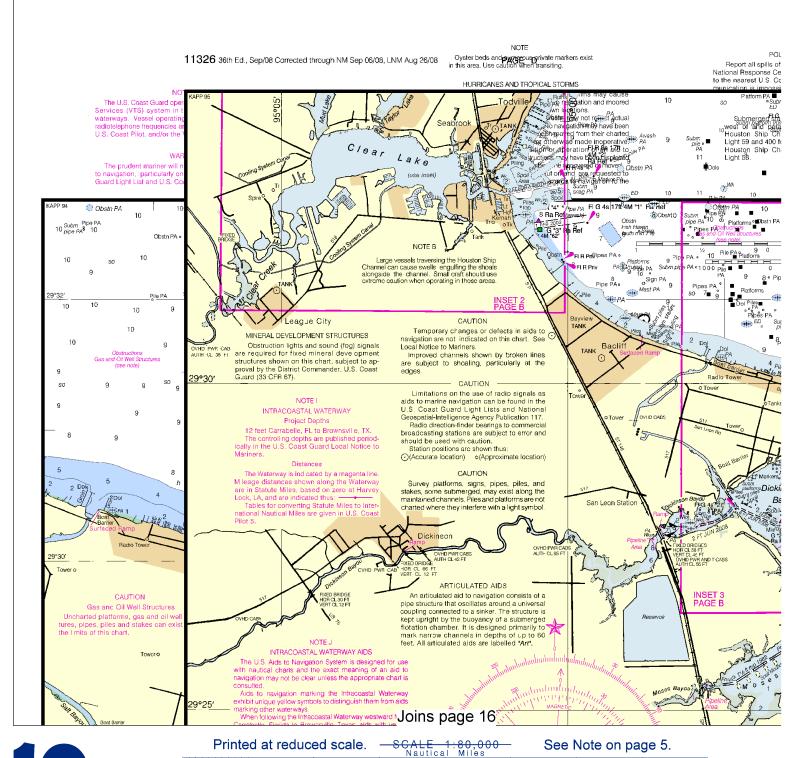






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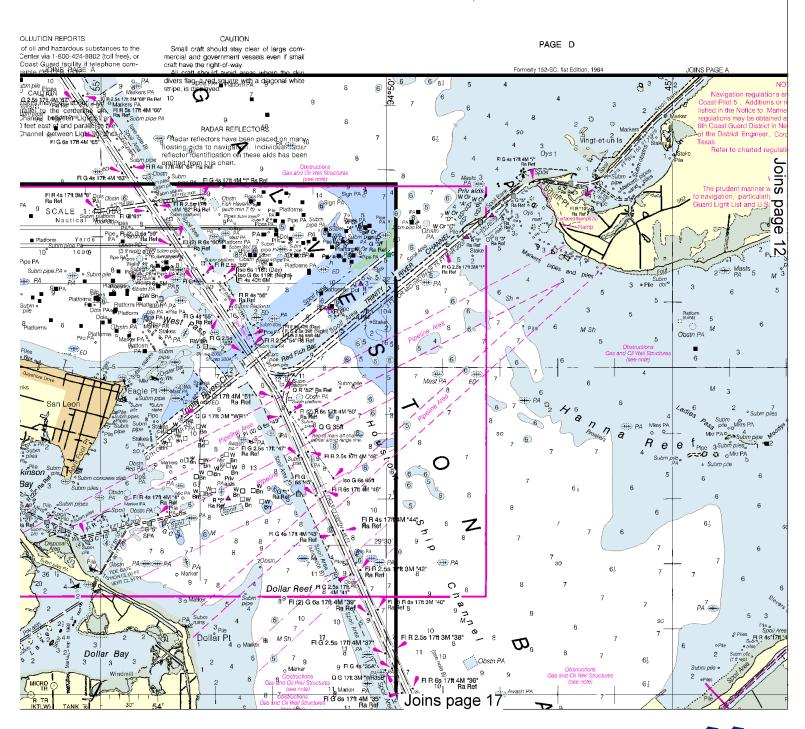
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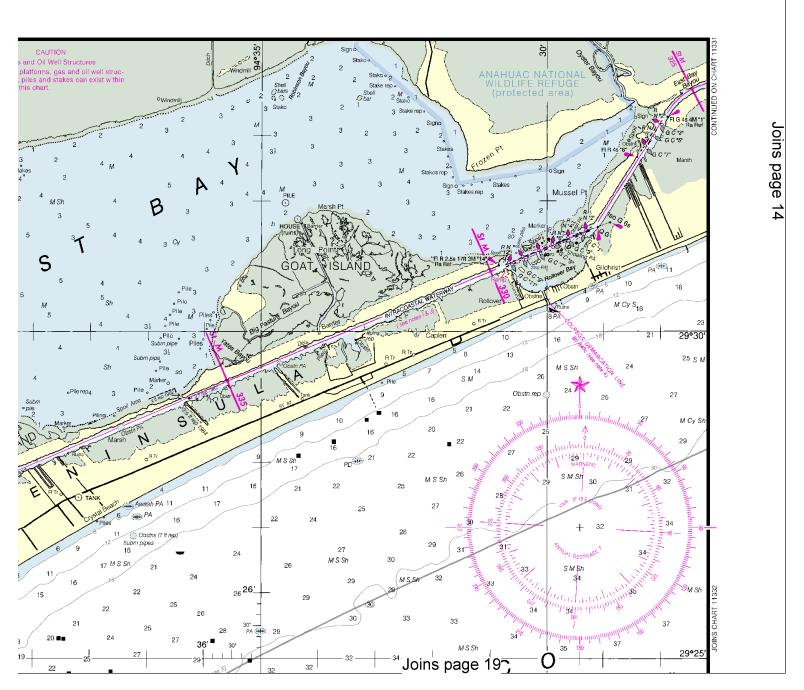
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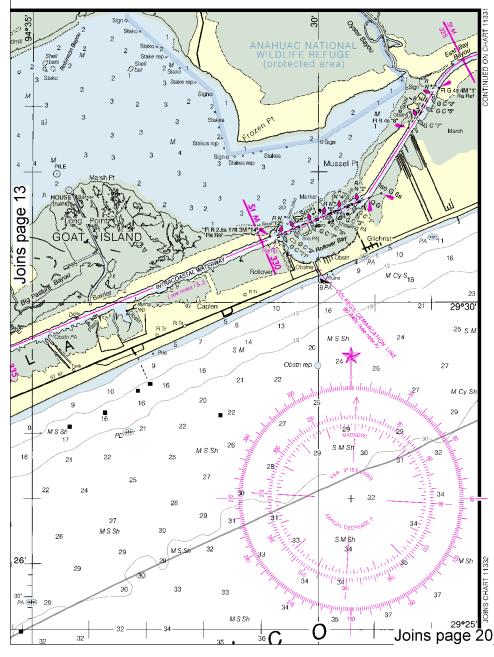
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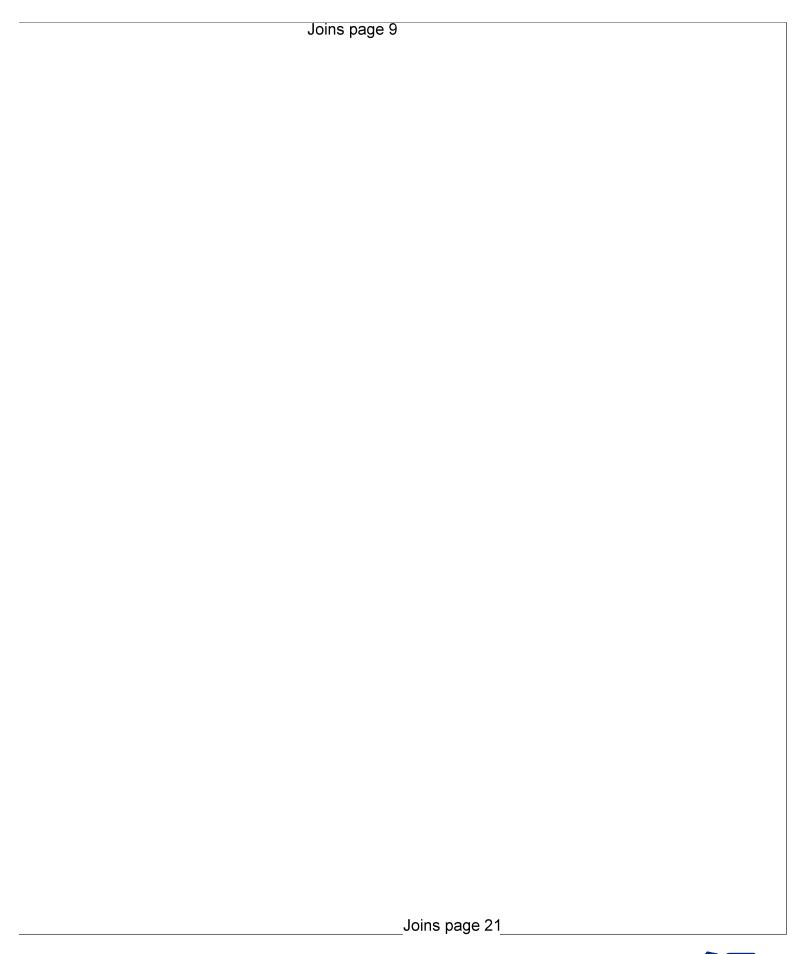
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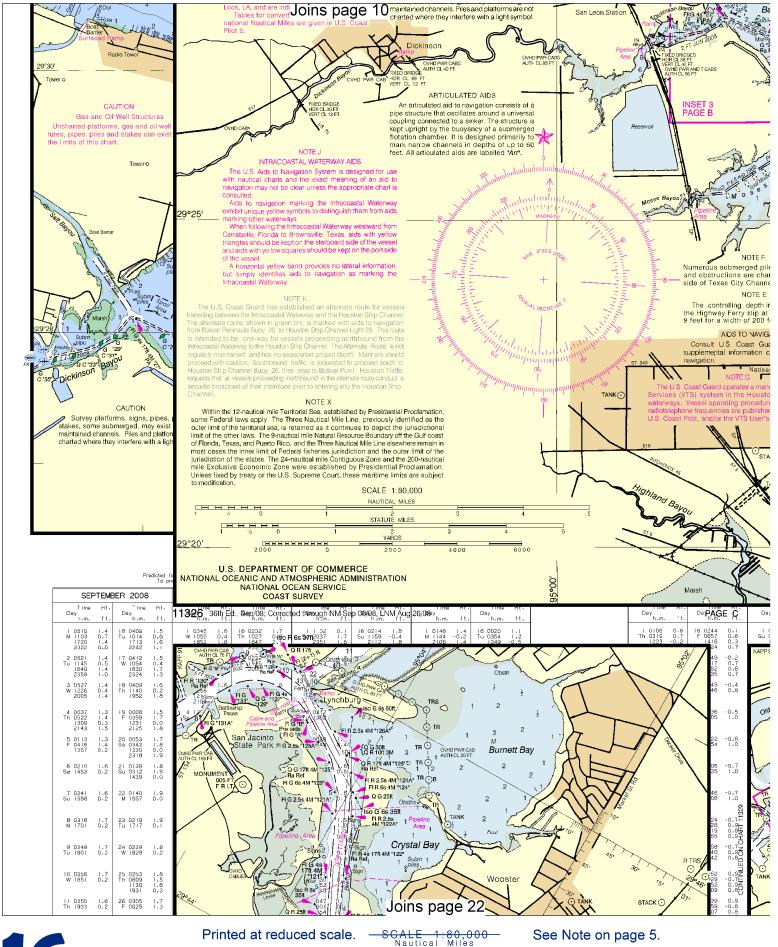


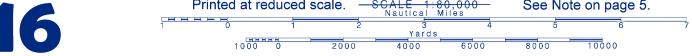


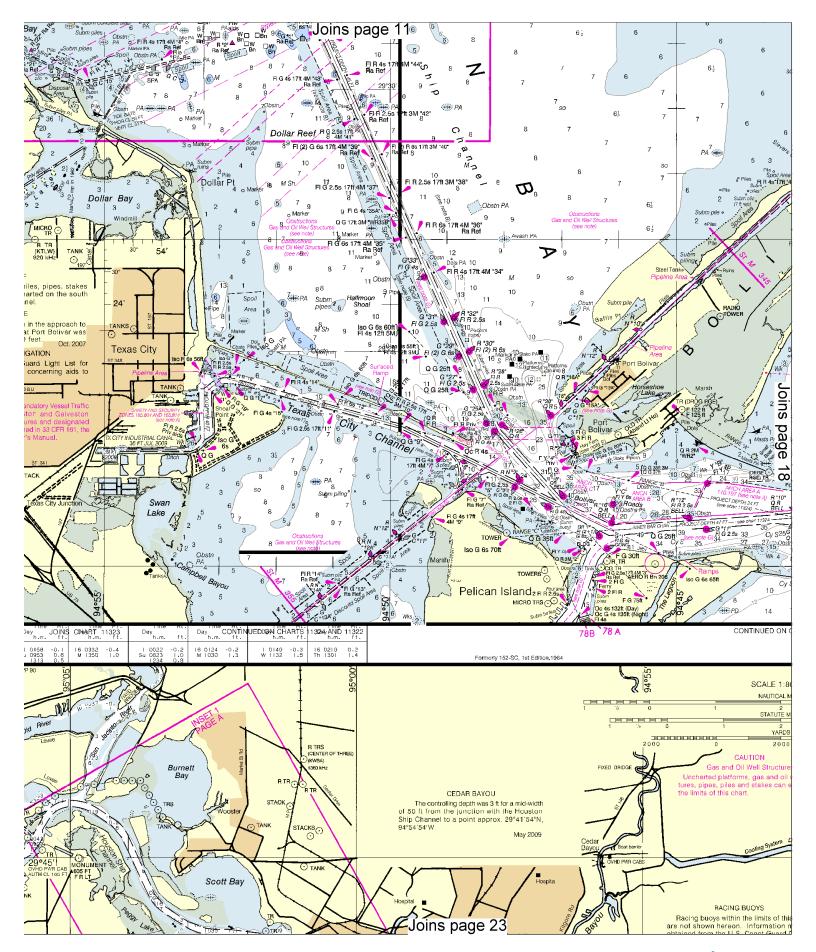


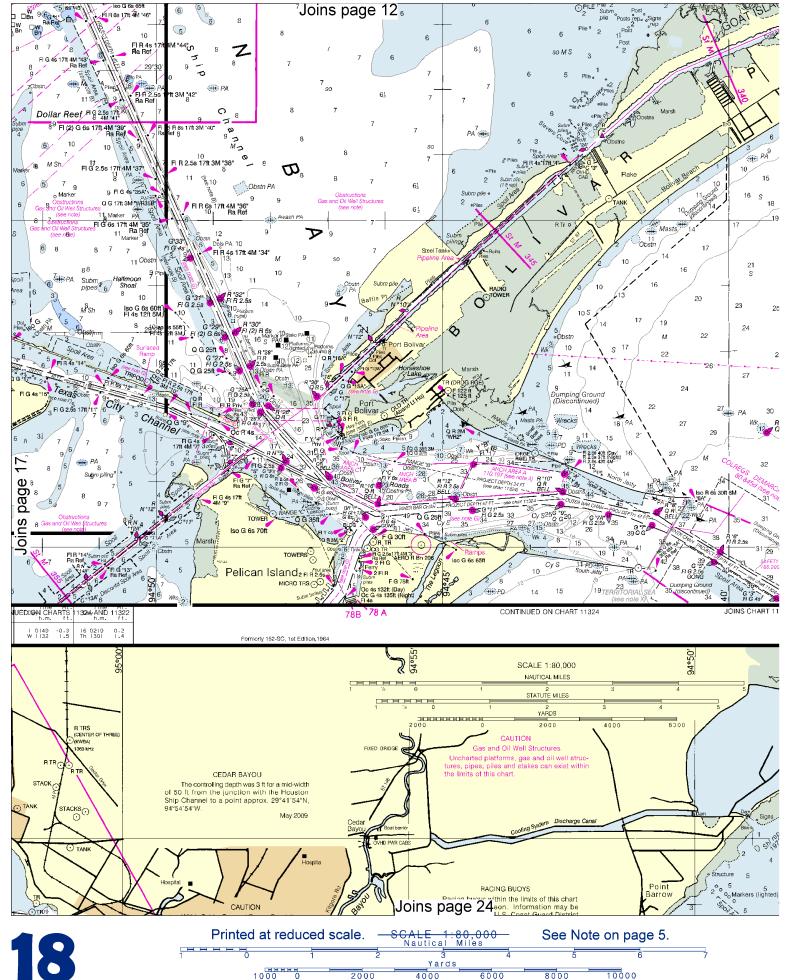
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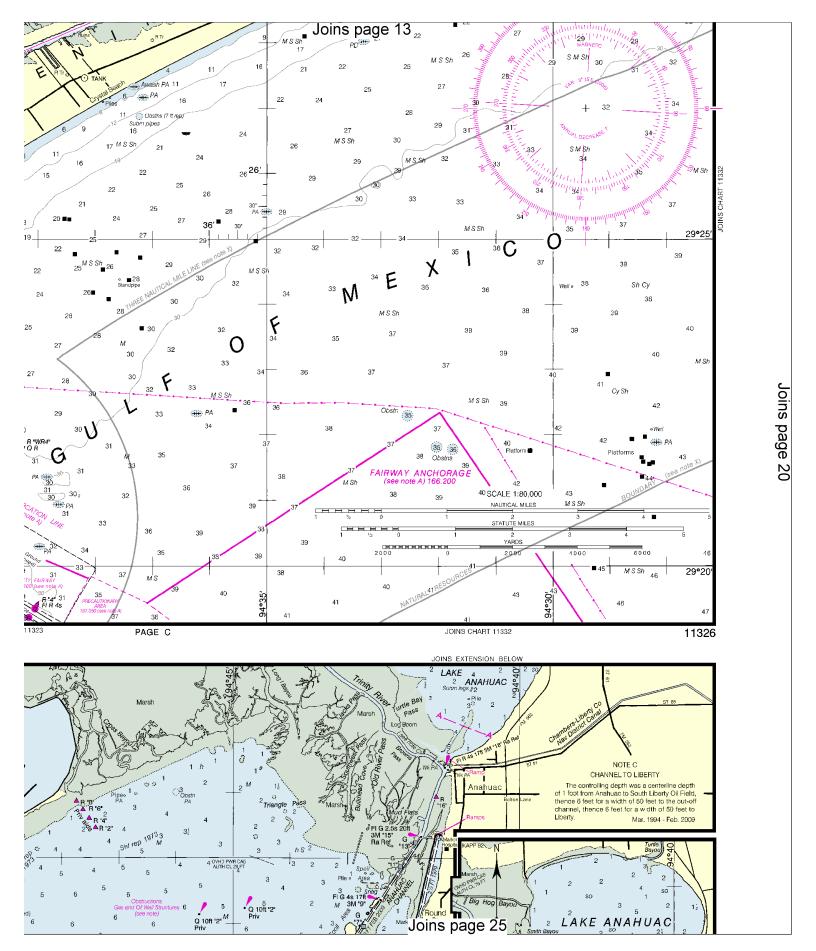


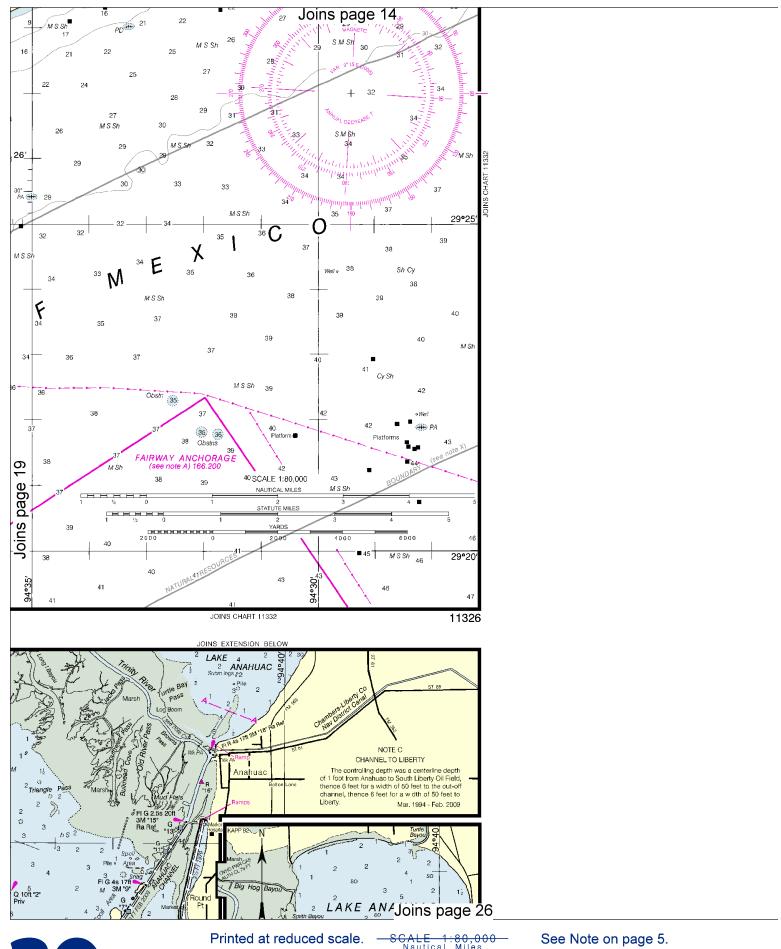






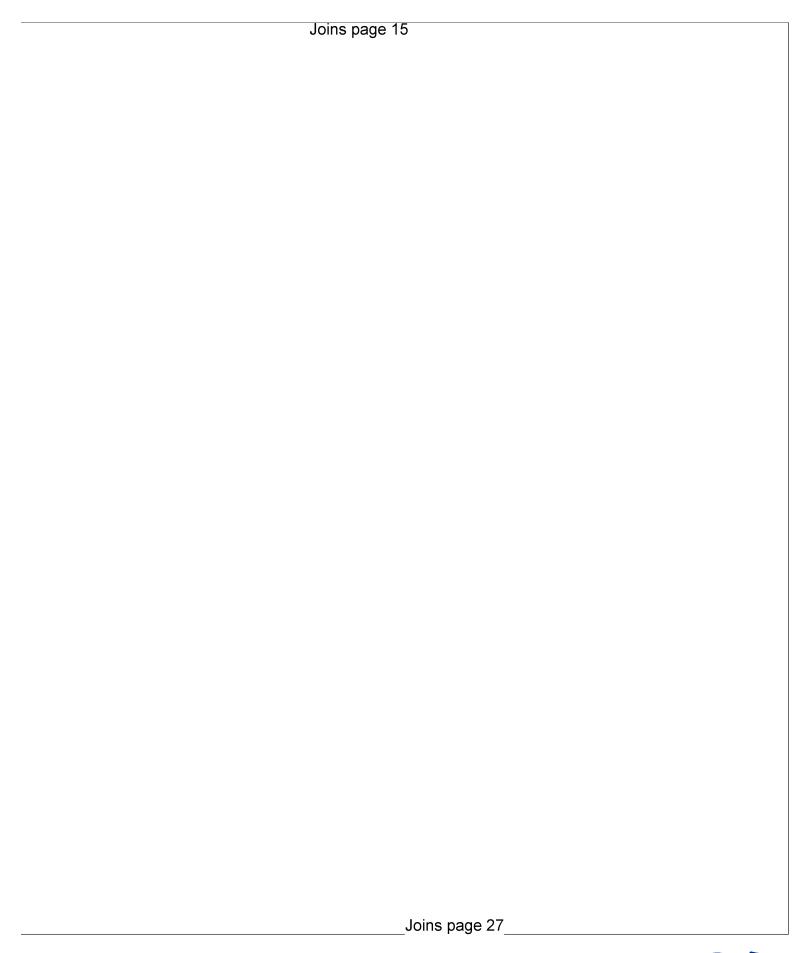


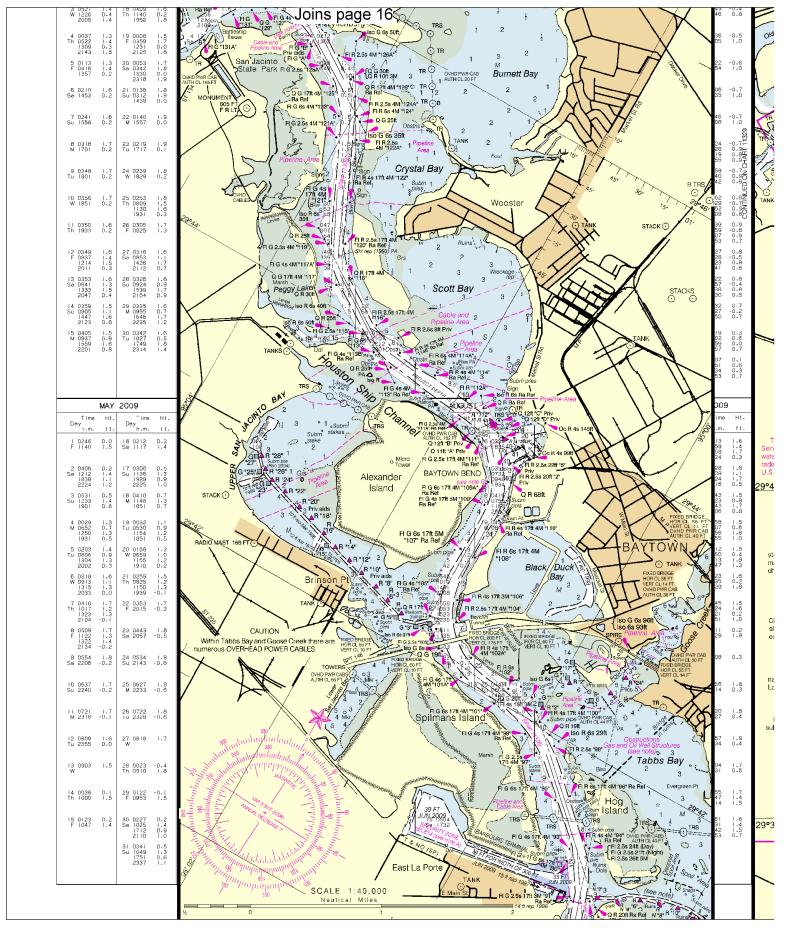




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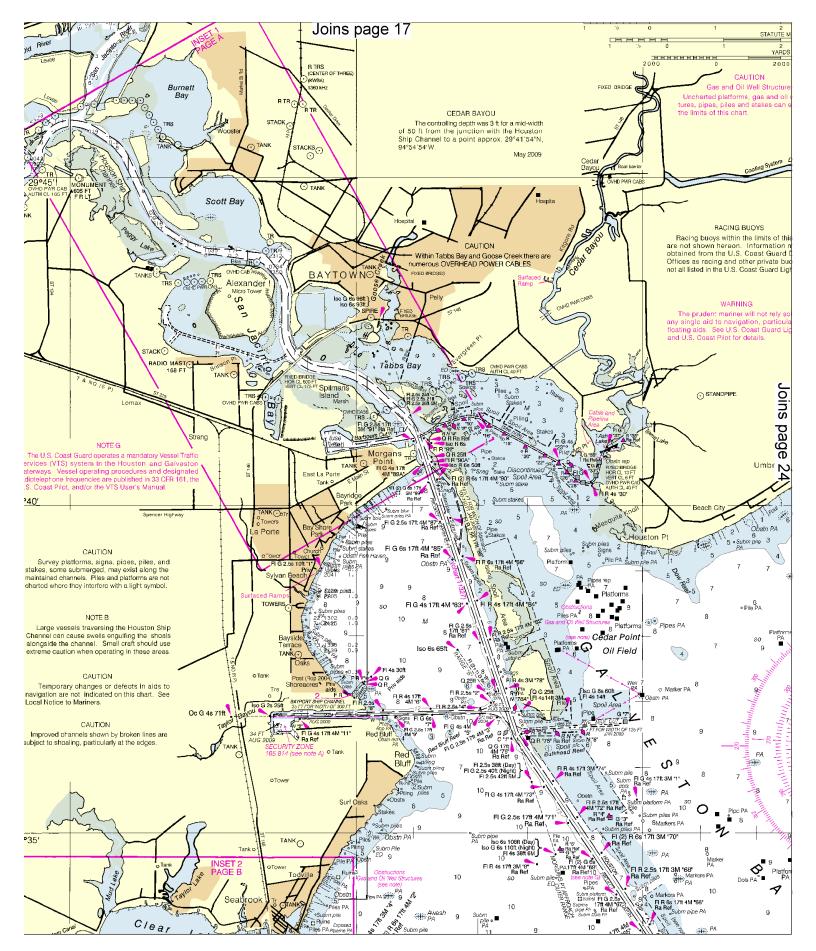


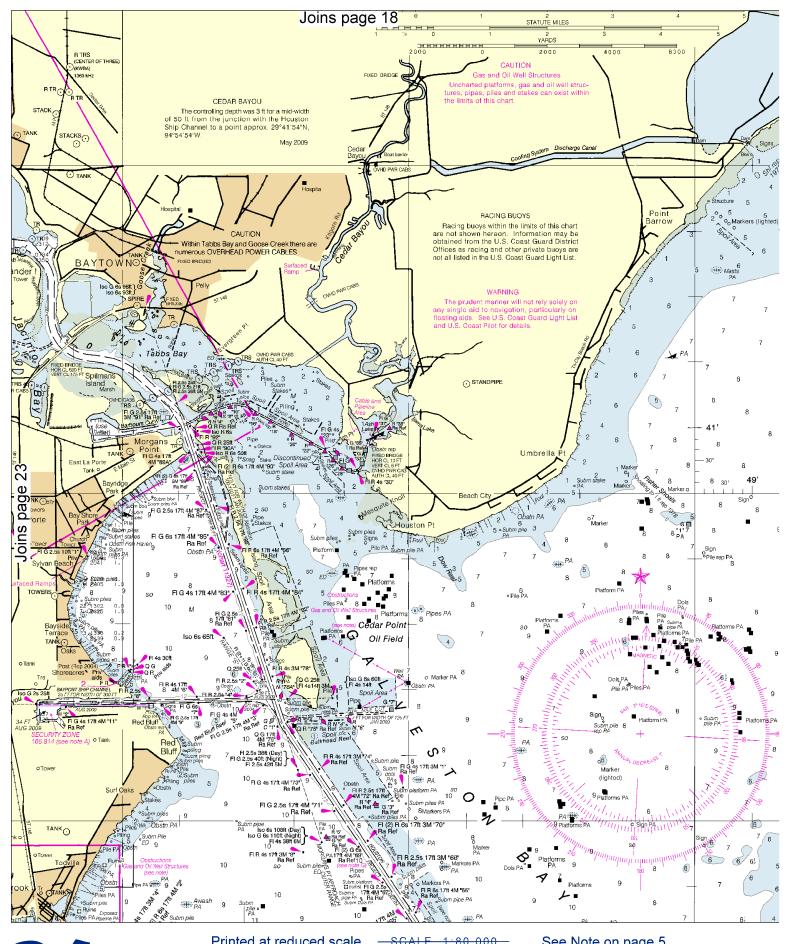


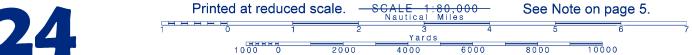


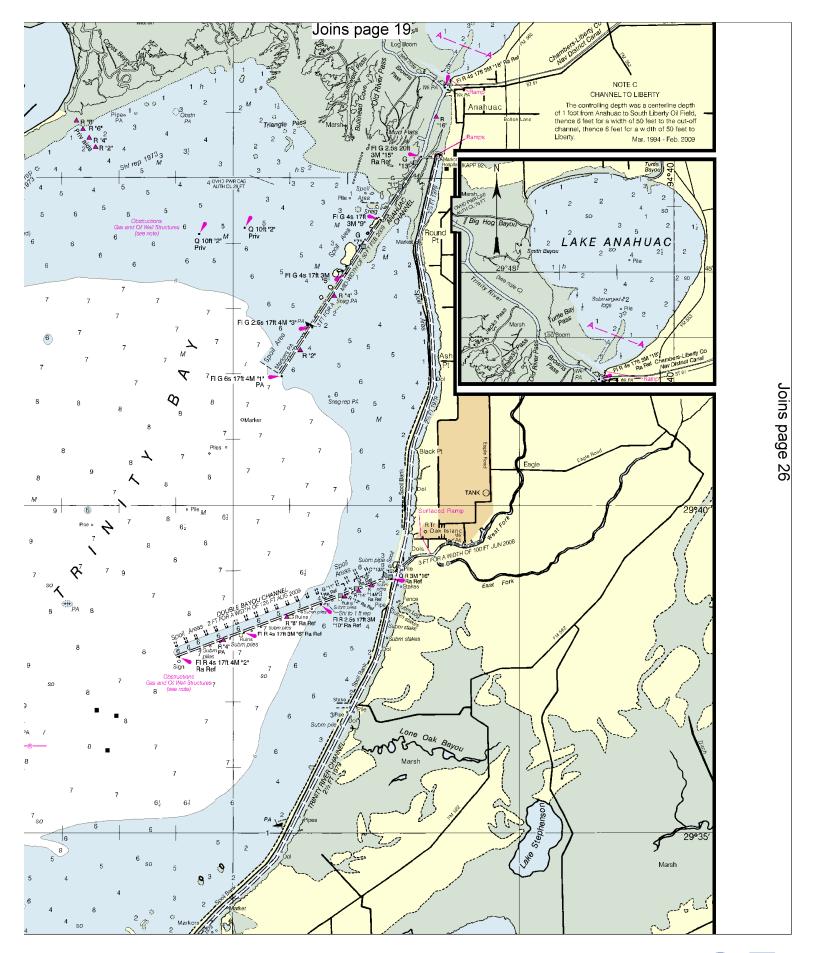


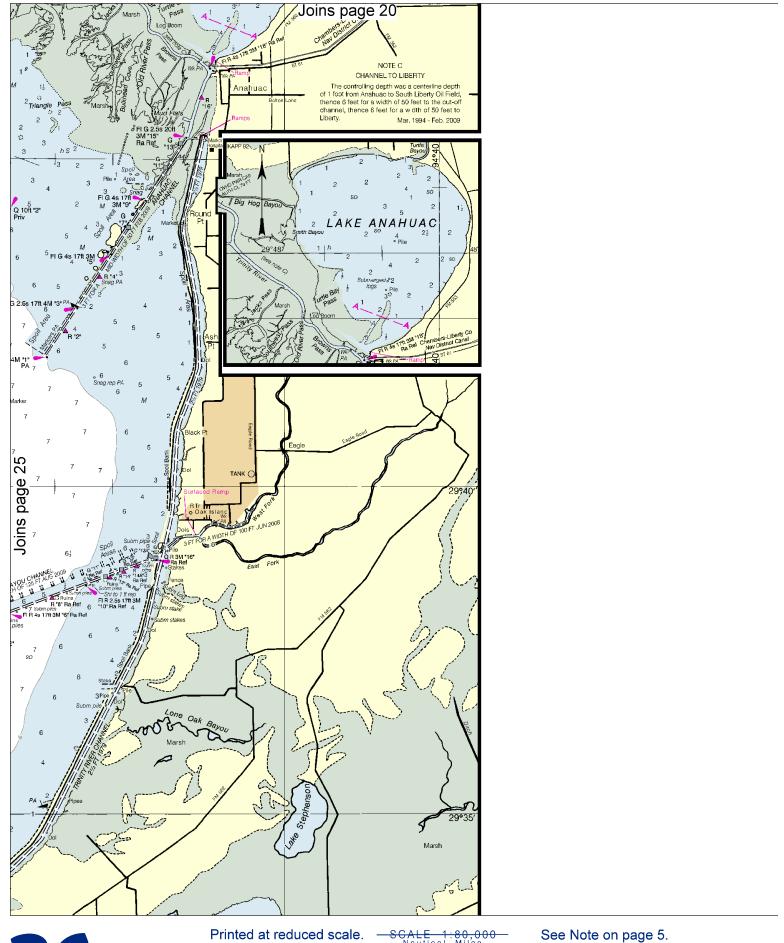






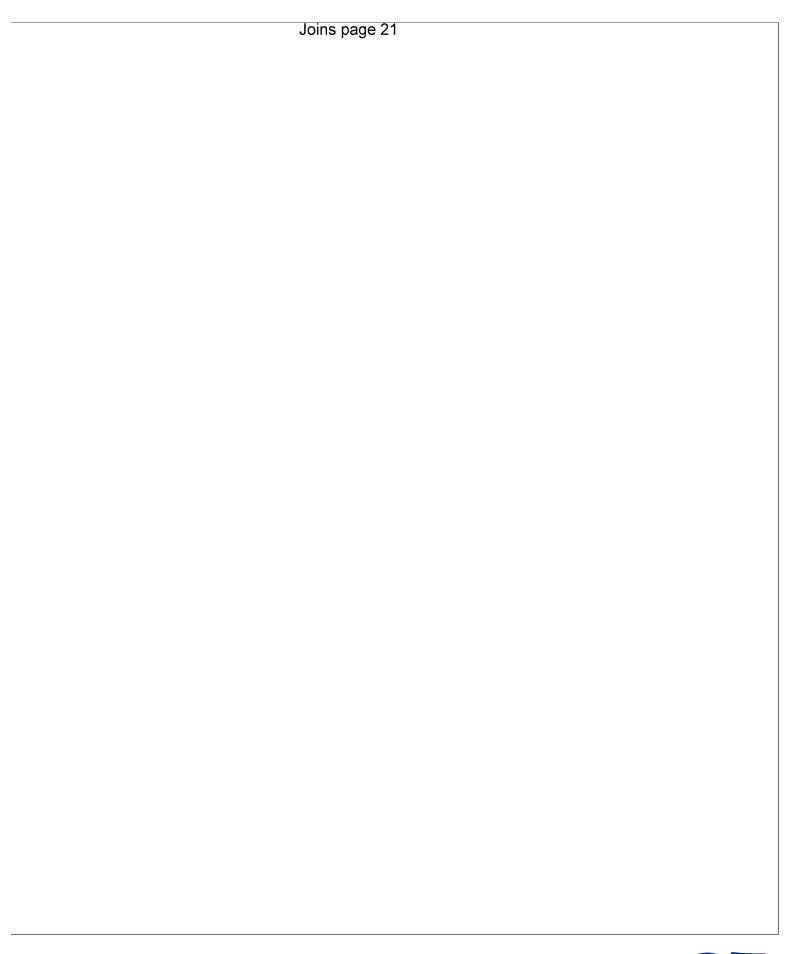












EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Group Galveston–409-766-5620 Coast Guard Station Galveston –409-766-5633 Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd – 757-398-6390

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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Internet Sites: www.Noa.gov, <a href="